# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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HIGH EXPENDITURE ON TRANSPORATION
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether high expenditure on transportation is coming in the way of procurement from Food Corporation of India for public distribution in the different States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government to share the high expenditure on transportation with State Governments to make Public Distribution System successful?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SH KRISHNAM RAJU )

(a): No, Sir.

(b): As far as possible, the stocks are issued by the FCI to the States/UTs from the nearestdepot/rail head and in case the distance is above 14 Kms., the transportation cost incurred bythe States/UTs is reimbursed by Government under the Reimbursement of Transportation Charges (RTC) Scheme.

In view of the high cost of transportation in the predominantly hilly States, the cost of transportation of foodgrains from the designated base depots to the approved Principal Distribution Centres (PDCs) is reimbursed to the concerned States on actual basis.